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20 May 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chiefs, FBIS Field Bureaus

FROM: Acting Chief, FBIS

SUBJECT: Letter of Instruction

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1. FBID wire service to the office of the DD/I commenced on 16 April. The wire carries only selected items of major importance which are suitable for the personal attention of the DD/I and the Director. FBID wire editors maintain frequent contact with the Assistant to the DD/I (Intelligence) for guidance in selection of material to be transmitted. The latter has expressed approval of the service on several occasions. [redacted]

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2. Steps have been taken to maximize FBIS coverage of Indo China. [redacted] Cruising Monitor, Okinawa Bureau, arrived in Saigon 10 May on temporary duty to conduct thorough cruising of local broadcasts and train additional native help, and the Bureau has been directed to develop maximum coverage without delay.

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3. A recent Bureau move from a street-level office in the Saigon USIA building proved beneficial from the point of view of security, power source, antennae space and communications. Improved reception permitted direct monitoring of a number of clandestine and dissident transmitters which appeared in the air in Saigon during April.

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4. As a result of a recent frequency shift by NCNA, Peking, monitoring of this important transmission by the West Coast Bureau has been seriously impaired by interference from the U. S. Air Force amateur Military Affiliated Radio System (MARS). A formal request for a silent period or a frequency shift by MARS was made to the Director of Intelligence, USAF, to alleviate this situation.

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5. [redacted] Chief, Broadcast Information Section, FBID, arrived in Puerto Rico 3 May on TDY to survey military

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installations for a suitable FBIS Latin America cruising post.

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6. On 27 April an official party from the French Intelligence Service visited the FBIS East Coast Bureau. They were briefed on FBIS operations by [] in the French language.

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7. [] was nominated and accepted for the Army War College course commencing in August, 1955. []

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8. Field Operations Comment []

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There seems to be uncertainty among several field Bureaus concerning handling of cases of intentional jamming, and in fact concerning even the use of the word jamming. Although observation of jamming activity is not a normal function of FBIS, there is nothing taboo about the word or activity. FBIS detection of new cases of jamming and new types of jamming may prove of value. Observations should be reported promptly to the Operations Officer when they pertain to a new type of jamming or the jamming of a service or language hitherto not jammed. Data bearing on the location of a jammer should always be reported. Editors need not shy away from the use of the word jamming in editorial notes, reports or information when the interference has been definitely identified as jamming by the Bureau technical staff. The diluted term "interference" when it really applies to jamming frequently leaves intelligence analysts unable to determine whether jamming activity is present or responsible for unmonitorability or other defects. References to jamming in clear-text filing of course must be purely objective and not reflect FBIS opinions or inconclusive evidence as to the source or location of the jamming; this sort of information should be communicated by memorandum or classified cable, as the urgency warrants. []

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9. Editorial Comment []

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a. All Bureaus: Editors are reminded that, as long as the slightest possibility of slanting exists, Communist dispatches emanating from international conferences should be filed in addition to, and quite apart from, the non-Communist reportage.

b. London Bureau: Writers of the Moscow Broadcast Review

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are requested to indicate the date of each PRAVDA editorial mentioned.

c. Mediterranean Bureau: Editors are cautioned to be more liberal with quotes and attributions in FYI's and Editorial Reports, particularly in items which could be considered as libelous.

d. Saigon Bureau: Saigon Bureau personnel involved in day-to-day coverage of the present crisis in South Vietnam are to be commended for their excellent performance.

e. West Coast and Okinawa Bureaus: Compliments are extended to the West Coast and Okinawa Bureaus for their excellent coverage of the recent Bandung Conference. Extensive preliminary, cruising and virtually solid coverage of numerous special broadcasts and press transmissions provided a very prompt and comprehensive picture of all developments.

10. Propaganda Analysis Comment

a. The exercise of thoughtful initiative in answering Radio Propaganda Branch requests often makes the difference between a sterile and useful reply. A good example of such initiative is [] April 121111 supplementing the reply to a request for Moscow French versions of Joliot-Curie's speech with the text of the version carried by the Cominform Home Service. []

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b. Bureaus are reminded that whenever a Bureau takes over coverage of any Soviet broadcast beamed abroad it automatically assumes responsibility for reporting on the Soviet lists commentary material contained in these broadcasts. []

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c. All Bureaus contributed to Radio Reaction Reports on world reaction to the Kashmir Princess crash and the Asian-African Conference. Three Reports -- on policy issues in the Malenkov-Khrushchev struggle, Chinese Communist broadcasts to Formosa, and treatment of atomic subjects in Chinese broadcasts - were prepared in support of forthcoming national intelligence estimates. Other Reports examined changes in Soviet May Day slogans, described Sino-Soviet propaganda anticipating the Bandung Conference, summarized the Chinese portrayal of life

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in the United States, and published the text of Marshal Zhukov's Army-Navy Day speech. [redacted]

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d. Papers given limited distribution reviewed Soviet propaganda on India since 1948 (for USIAO, Peking propaganda on the Wei Li Juang defection (for AD/O) and Communist allegations of Indochina armistice violations (for OCB).
[redacted]

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11. Administration

a. [redacted] members of FBIS have been selected as eligible for career service and will be notified in the near future. Personnel who have not heard from their applications are informed that the delay is due to the work load confronting the Selection Board. It is expected that all persons eligible for application as of July 1954 will be integrated during 1955.
[redacted]

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b. Personnel who are delinquent in indebtedness to the Agency or to the Government may find their eligibility for, or status in, career service seriously threatened. The practice of neglecting indebtedness to the Agency until taken out of pay checks should be discouraged. This is not a service for employees but actually constitutes an unfavorable entry in an individual's personnel record. [redacted]

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c. The following FBIS issuances have not previously been reported:



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PERSONNEL CHANGES

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1. New Employees:

Assignment

East Coast Bureau
East Coast Bureau
Liaison & Reference Staff
East Coast Bureau

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2. Reassignments:

From

To

Info Sp Info Sp
Mediterranean Bur Editorial Branch

Personnel Asst. Admin. Asst.
Admin. Staff London Bur.

Info Sp Info Sp
Okinawa Bur West Coast Bur

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3. Transfers:

From

Clerk-Typist, Editorial Branch
Secy-Stano, Office of the Chief

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4. Separations:

From

Prop. Anal. Off, Radio Prop. Branch.

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